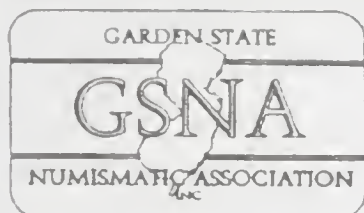


The

GSNA Newsletter

For members of the Garden State Numismatic Association



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This is the **LAST** GSNA Newsletter!

Before you raise your anxiety level, you need to know that this is Good News. The GSNA will continue issuing our bi-monthly publication. In January, however, the NAME of our publication will change.

Three years ago the GSNA ceased publishing the *New Jersey Numismatic Journal*. Due to rising expenses, diminishing funds, and declining membership, the publication of a journal was impossible.

When your new GSNA Board was elected in January, they realized that, despite the expense, communication with membership was crucial to our organization. The Board began the *GSNA Newsletter* to accomplish that. However, what has emerged in our newsletter is in fact a quality numismatic publication. The Board has voted to call our Association's publication exactly what it is: more than a newsletter, it is our *New Jersey Numismatic Journal*. The publication will keep our present and cost-effective format, but our name will return starting in January. Look forward to your next issue of the **NJNJ**: the *New Jersey Numismatic Journal*.

President's Message



The GSNA is returning to the Central Jersey and the Philadelphia area for its 19th Numismatic Convention. The event will take place June 15-17, 1995 at the new SOUTH JERSEY EXPO CENTER which is located off Rtes. 73 and 130 in Pennsauken, N.J. Your state numismatic organization is also going back to the three day convention format but with one important difference. Instead of the usual Friday to Sunday show, the 1995 convention will be held from Thursday thru Saturday.

The current GSNA Board has been in contact with numerous dealers and collectors from all across our region and the overwhelming consensus was to hold a Thurs. - Sat. show. For one thing, almost all the dealers left either Saturday evening or early Sunday morning, leaving hobbyists frustrated when they arrived at the convention after the noon hour on a Sunday only to find the dealers they had expected to see, gone! For another, the Board decided that the Central Jersey/ Philadelphia area had been without a major show for a number of years thereby disenfranchising that geographical segment of the numismatic population.

A return to the June calendar dates permit us to offer a convention at a time of year when many dealers and a broader section of the public are more likely to attend. Our new General Show Chairman, Harry Garrison, is doing a superb job preparing Dealer and Auction bid contracts which display the bourse layout for our convention. In addition, our co- Exhibits Chairpersons, Lisa Williams and Greg Heim, will be sending out forms for prospective exhibitors.

The convention will also feature an extensive **tokens and medals** dealers section, the possibility of **two different auctions**; one for U.S. and Foreign Coins, the other for Tokens and Medals; also a number of **regional meetings** of Numismatic specialty clubs, **Young Numismatists**, an **Educational Forum** with outstanding guest speakers chaired by 1st Vice President and newsletter editor, Chris Connell. An **Awards Ceremony and General Meeting of the GSNA** in the form of a **Happy Hour** will occur between 5:00 and 6:00, Saturday, June 17 at the close of the Convention.

The South Jersey Expo Center is easy to reach, within 2 miles from Exit 4 of the N.J. Turnpike and 30 minutes from Philadelphia International Airport. Quality hotels are nearby with special shuttle buses being provided to and from the convention center.

We are doing our part, but we need your help too. If you are reading this you are a member of the GSNA. Please think about ways you can assist us, whether it be helping out at the Registration Desk for a couple of hours or helping to publicize the convention among fellow club members, other collectors and the public. Let's work together to make this, our best convention ever.

-- Arno Safran

Newfoundland's Gold Coinage

by Harry Garrison

In an act of 1863, Newfoundland turned to decimal coinage, abandoning the pounds, shillings and pence. Newfoundland decimal coinage commenced in 1865 with the issuance of a 1 cent in copper, 5 cents, 10 cents, 20 cents in silver and a 2 dollar gold coin.

It's the 2 dollar gold coin that's the subject of this article. Under Queen Victoria, Newfoundland had the unique distinction of being the only British Colony having coinage in gold. Gold coins were minted in the denomination of two dollars between 1865 and 1888.

The coin was the size of the Canadian ten cent piece and contains one tenth of one ounce of gold. The obverse of the coin displays the attractive "young-head" of Queen Victoria with a laurel wreath in her hair. The coins reverse is quite unique and reflects the transition to decimal coinage at that time. Three denominations are expressed; Two dollars, Two Hundred Cents and One Hundred Pence.

Low mintages during the eight non-contiguous years of issue make Newfoundland gold coins somewhat scarce today. Mintages for the series were: 1865 - 10,000; 1870 - 10,000; 1872 - 6050; 1880- 2,500; 1881 - 10,000; 1882-H - 25,000; 1885 - 10,000 and 1888- 25,000.

Consensus is that obverse dies used in striking of the Newfoundland silver ten cent coins were also used to strike the Newfoundland two dollar coins. Important varieties of the obverse dies exist. They are: 1865, period after Newfoundland; 1870, period after Newfoundland; 1870, no period after Newfoundland; 1872, no period; 1880, no period; 1881, no period; 1882-H restored period but closer to "D"; 1885 - no period; 1888 no period; 1888 restored period but closer to "D". The 1870 with period and the 1888 no period are considered rare and worth the hunt.

The two varieties of 1870 and that of 1888 are important. Many collectors do not bother with the two extra varieties in order to complete their collection of Newfoundland gold coins. A complete collection would consist of 10 coins, not eight. Unfortunately, existing population reports do not provide mintages of the 1870 and 1888 varieties.

A challenging collection to assemble, Newfoundland gold coins are relatively inexpensive in EF/AU (from \$200 to \$300 per coin) with the exception of the 1880; that coin requiring an investment of \$2500 to \$3000. The varieties will most likely be obtained from unknowing dealers for the same price as the others.





Larry Gentile: Numismatic Ambassador to Youth

Everyone worries about the future of our numismatic hobby. Who will collect coins in the future, and who will continue the

scholarship and study of coins? Writers write letters to the numismatic press fearful that sports cards are attracting more collectors than coins. Every issue is filled with fears that ours is the last generation that will collect and study the numismatic treasures of the world.

There is one collector who is not complaining. Larry Gentile is actually doing something for the future of our hobby. What Larry does is to direct numismatic education programs for young people throughout the country. Giving his time and dedicated to this goal, Larry devotes meticulous attention to encouraging young people to understand the numismatic hobby. Not only does Larry devote considerable time to creating program for young people, he also contributes considerable expense toward seeing to it that young people have entertainment and fun.

A GSNA Life Member, at the last GSNA convention, Larry Gentile ran the Saturday program for young numismatists. Larry invited guest speakers, showed videos, rounded up numismatic donations and gave children GSNA Money to participate in an actual auction. If you don't know Larry Gentile, you can be certain that your children do know this committed Numismatic Ambassador to youth.

GSNA SLIDE & VIDEO PROGRAMS

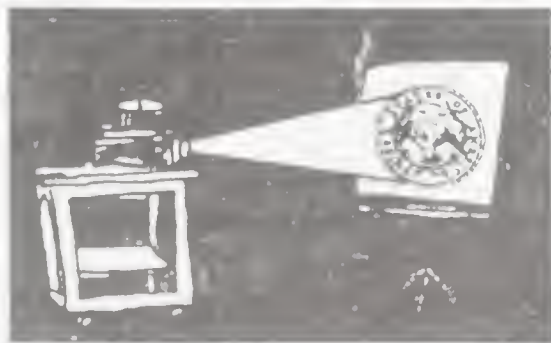
Your GSNA maintains a library of Slide and Video Programs. These programs are available for FREE to GSNA members and Member Clubs (you must pay for return postage). If you would like to borrow a slide or video program, contact Ray Williams at the address on the inside rear cover of the Newsletter.

- 1 Greek coins from the 6th century BC to Alexander the Great (Seaby) w/script
- 2 English Milled Gold Coins (Seaby) w/script
- 3 English Silver Crowns (Seaby) w/script & tape
- 4 Scottish Coins: Gold from Robert III to William III (Seaby) w/script
- 5 English Coins from the British Royal Mint (Seaby) w/tape
- 6 Coins of the Bible Days (Seaby) w/script
- 7 Coins and Medals of the Renaissance w/script
- 8 United States Coins in Silver and Copper (Seaby) no script or tape
- 9 Byzantine Coins in Gold, Silver and Copper (Seaby) w/script
- 10 The Hellenistic Monarchies: Alexander the Great to Cleopatra VII (Seaby) w/script and tape
- 11 Israel Coins and Medals reflect Jewish History and Traditions w/script and tape
- 12 Mint Errors and Varieties w/tape
- 13 We Care about Eagles (National Wildlife Federation) w/tape
- 14 America's Copper Coinage, 1783 - 1857 by Richard Doty (ANS) w/script and tape
- 15 The Franklin Mint no tape or script
- 16 Embossed Shell Cards by Mitchell & Rulau w/script
- 17 Colonial Coins w/tape
- 18 Michelangelo w/script
- 19 Feuchtwanger Rogue or Right Guy? w/script
- 20 Welcome to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing w/tape

- 21 Money in Early America (ANS) w/tape
- 22 Counterfeit Detection no tape or script
- 23 Stamp Collection (Smithsonian) no tape or script
- 24 Confederate States of America Currency (ANS) w/script
- 25 Roman Medallions w/script
- 26 Roman Coins - Coinage of the Republican Rome (Seaby) no tape or script

The following are the seven Video Tapes we have:

- VT1 Ancient Coins and Modern Fakes (ANS)
- VT2 Classic US Gold Coins of the 20th Century (MRC)
- VT3 Collecting & Grading US Coins
- VT4 How to Create an Award Winning Coin Exhibit
- VT5 Organizing a Numismatic Presentation
- VT6 US Silver Commemorative Coins
- VT7 Video Guide for Full Step Jefferson Nickel Collector



SHOPPING A COIN SHOW

by Jim Majoros

Before you set out on your buying spree at a Coin Show, take time to plan your day. Avoid common mistakes that can turn your productive day into a failure. Attending a large coin show is an adventure and without proper planning, the hours you spend navigating the aisles can be more aggravating at the end of the day. Following are eight tips that can help you enjoy the next Coin Show that you attend..

1. PLAN AHEAD: Prepare for the show. What are you looking for in grades and prices? Define your goals and don't be swayed by someone to get in over your head.

2 OBTAIN A FLOOR PLAN and Directory in advance. Cross reference the directory with a walking plan that maximizes the time you spend at the show. There may be certain dealers that you will want to spend time with. Most people just turn to the right and go down the aisle to start the show. The day can go fast, and you may not complete the entire show. A walking plan will help you reach your goals.

3. DON'T FOLLOW THE CROWD. Most visitors start in the front of the show and crowd the booths. If you start in the back, you'll be talking with dealers who are not already crowded by other buyers. You will be able to cover more territory that way.

4. TAKE NOTES: It's so easy amongst 100+ dealers to forget what you saw and where. Use your directory or a pad to mark down the coin, grade, and price, and --most important--the booth it was at! Believe me, it is so easy to forget where you saw something. If you decide later that you want it, you may not be able to find it. Very Frustrating!

5. TAKE TIME FOR EDUCATION: Preview the directory for a club meeting, seminar, or briefing and select something to add to your numismatic knowledge. Taking an hour

or so out of your coin hung can pay off with rewards that will improve future hunting and collecting.

6. TRAVEL TIPS: Travel Light. Handouts will be available at the registration table, so a small briefcase would be suitable. You may want your Red Book, a Grading and Price Guide like the Grey Sheet, Coin World, Numismatic News or Coin Prices. Most of all you need your "Want List." Wear comfortable shoes. Most dealers will have chairs to sit on while you hunt, there will be a lot of ground to cover.

7. ORGANIZE YOUR NOTES: Most dealers have business cards, and you may want to annotate certain coin data on the backs of their cards for future reference. If you take notes, keep them together for easy access later.

8. ENJOY: Numismatics is a tremendously educational hobby to enjoy. You can meet some of the finest people, and enjoy the friendship of many dealers and collectors alike. If you are not satisfied with the assistance or the way a particular dealer operates, do not privilege that dealer with your future business. There are many others!

FUNNY MONEY by Chris Connell

For centuries, inhabitants of the island of Yap exchanged money made of Stone. The stone money was made of aragonite, a form of limestone. Small pieces were eight inches across, but large pieces could be as much as twelve feet across! Wealthy natives kept their wealth displayed in the front yards of their houses. There is little chance of a thief walking away with a two-ton hunk of aragonite limestone.



GARDEN STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION



JUNE 15-17, 1995

at the

South Jersey Expo Center Pennsauken, NJ

**GSNA is returning to the South Jersey/
Philadelphia area for a major numismatic
Convention with dramatically reduced
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foot carpeted Bourse.**

BOURSE INFORMATION:

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The GSNA and YOU.

Please remember that the GSNA is working for you and for our numismatic hobby by providing program for your Club, by making slide and video programs available to members for study and research, by making awards available for numismatic speakers and workers in your Club, and by publishing this newsletter, soon to be the New Jersey Numismatic Journal. You can help the GSNA fulfill our mission to support the numismatic hobby in our region by telling your friends about the GSNA and encouraging them to join. The cost is only \$5 per year. You can also volunteer to be or encourage your club to appoint a GSNA Representative to improve communication between members of your club and the officers of GSNA. In May, there will be a call for nominations of candidates for all offices in the GSNA. You may consider serving the GSNA as an officer. In June, the GSNA will present our 20th Anniversary Convention. Your help will be needed to accomplish the goal of making this Convention the best one ever. You will be welcomed as a worker on any of the committees that will be formed to help with the Convention. Finally, the *New Jersey Numismatic Journal* has always been one of the best regional numismatic publications in the country. This is so, because of knowledgeable numismatists like you are willing to share their hobby with others by writing about the coins you collect. Send your article(s) to the NJNJ Editor. Thank You!

~Coin Club News~

CLM01 (formerly the Cherry Hill Coin Club) has been reorganized as the West Jersey Coin Club.

Ocean County Coin Club -CLM 02- The OCCC welcomed Gail "Bo-ette" Kraljevich to their September 7th meeting. She spoke on her numismatic specialty: Hobo Nickels. OCCC meets on the First and Third Tuesdays of each month at the Brick Twp. Municipal Complex in Brick, NJ.

Watchung Hills Coin Club -CM057- WHCC is planning its annual Coin Show for . They hold their meetings on the Second Tuesday each month at O'Connors in Warren, NJ.

NJ Numismatic Society-CM049

NJNS has announced speakers for the remainder of 1994. On November the speaker will be Ernie Kush, co-author with Robert Julian of the book on Assay Medals. In December, Michael Molnar will speak about Astrological Signs and symbols on ancient coins. The NJNS meets on the Third Monday of each month at the Public Library in Madison, NJ.

Westchester County Coin Club-CM062 was visited on September 21st by ANA President David Ganz. At that meeting, the WCCC president Marty Tuohy received ANA recognition for WCCC's 60th Anniversary. Larry Gentile received a special ANA President's Award for his years of work with Young Numismatists. The WCCC meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the American Legion on Mamaroneck Rd. in Scarsdale, NY.

Northern Valley Coin Club- CLM04 met jointly in October with the **Bergen County Coin Club-CM037** and the **Lera Coin Club-CM045**. In September, GSNA President Arno Safran was the Guest Speaker. The NVCC meets on the 4th Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in the Sociel Hall of Demarest Methodist Church in Demarest, NJ.

Classical Numismatic Society of the Delaware Valley is the newest Club Member of the GSNA, and the newest Coin Club in New Jersey. Dedicated to the study of ancient and medieval coins, the CNS meets from 1 to 5 pm on the 3rd Saturday each month at the Camden County Library on MacArthur Blvd. in Westmont, NJ. The December 17th meeting will feature a discussion of counterfeit coins., the January 14th meeting will feature a "coin cleaning demonstration." All collectors of ancient/medieval coins are welcome.

If YOUR Coin Club is not listed here it is either because A. Your Coin Club is not a member of GSNA or B. you are not sending your Club Newsletter to the GSNA Editor, We will let all the GSNA know what your club is doing. if you will let us know what it is.



How to Contact
YOUR GSNA OFFICERS

GSNA President Arno Safran P.O. Box 605 Lakewood, NJ 08701	Arno is the person to contact about GSNA activities, program, and administration, and with any issue to be brought to the GSNA Board.
GSNA 1st Vice President & Newsletter Editor Chris Connell P.O. Box 1871 Brick, NJ 08723	Chris is the person to contact with articles for publication, or to publicize your Club events or activities in the GSNA Newsletter. If you need to know who to talk to to accomplish a goal, Chris can refer you if he cannot help you himself.
GSNA 2nd Vice-President Ray Williams 924 Norway Ave. Trenton, NJ 08629	Ray is in charge of GSNA Slide and Video Programs, the Speakers Bureau and GSNA Certificates for Speakers and for Recognition Awards. Contact Ray if you need a Club Program, or are willing to speak to GSNA Clubs.
GSNA Corresponding Secretary Jim Majoros 65-16th Street Toms River, NJ 08753	Jim is in charge of GSNA public relations and also of maintaining our membership rolls. Contact him for Change-of-Address, member renewals, new memberships and any problems with name/address/phone number, or for additional information about GSNA News releases. Member information, including our Mailing List, is NOT EVER made available to ANYONE.
GSNA Recording Secretary Spencer Peck P.O. Box 526 Oldwick, NJ. 08858	Spencer records minutes of GSNA Board Meetings and is custodian of the records of the Association.
GSNA Treasurer Ronald Thompson P.O. Box 1332 Summit, NJ 07901	Ron maintains the financial records of the Association, including all publicly available financial information. Many financial records, of course, have limited access.

COLLECTING COINS BY YEAR
by John Sullivan

Coins were first collected by era (i.e., Ancient, Medieval or Modern), or they were collected by country, by date, mint, type or motif (such as ships), or by error varieties. Most collect a favorite series but after a while hit a stone wall due to rarity and cost.

I first began like so many others, collecting coins from my birth year; (1942). I attempt to upgrade the set as the opportunity presents itself. I then branched out into foreign coins which~ opened a whole new collecting area for me. Paper money from foreign countries came next which I found I could not resist and a "rag picker" was born. I now found myself talking to dealers who I had barely noticed previously and they were very helpful in enhancing my appreciation.

Exonomia offered me yet another area to collect items for a particular year. As defined in the Coin World Almanac, exonomia may be regarded as non legal tender numismatic items such as tokens, medals, telephone cards, badges and scrip. One can find transportation tokens, medals, stock certificates with dates which provides year collectors like myself even greater variety.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- ☐ New
☐ Renewal

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Date _____

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Print NAME _____

Home Address _____

Mailing Address _____

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Individual Membership \$5 Club Membership \$10 Junior (under 18) \$3

Membership Dues MUST accompany this Application. Mail To:

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